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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. David Waddell, Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
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Re: *Tariff Filing of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. to Reduce
Grouping Rates in Rate Group 5 and to Implement a 3% Late Payment
Charge*
Docket No. 00-00041

Dear Mr. Waddell:

This afternoon BellSouth received a copy of the CAD's "Reply to BellSouth's Response to Tennessee Consumers's (sic) Second Petition for Stay of Effectiveness and Petition for Reconsideration." This document erroneously states that BellSouth "does not contest the need for reconsideration" See CAD's Reply at 1. This erroneous statement likely is the result of confusion generated by the fact that the CAD has launched two attacks against the TRA's decision in this docket. BellSouth, therefore, is filing this letter in an attempt to control this confusion.

The first attack the CAD launched was its "Petition for Stay of Effectiveness," which the CAD filed on or about July 26, 2000. This document was filed before the TRA's Order Reversing Initial Order and Approving Tariff ("Order") was even entered, and this document does not seek reconsideration of either the Order or of the TRA's verbal ruling. BellSouth filed its response to this Petition for Stay of Effectiveness on or about August 14, 2000. Given that the "Petition for Stay of Effectiveness" did not include a request for reconsideration, BellSouth's Response obviously does not address reconsideration.

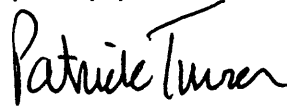
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After the TRA issued its Order Reversing Initial Order and Approving Tariff, the CAD launched yet another attack on the TRA's decision in this docket. This second document, which was filed on or about August 10, 2000, is entitled "Second Petition for Stay of Effectiveness and Petition for Reconsideration." This document reflects the CAD's first (and only) request for reconsideration in this docket. Today, BellSouth filed its response to this document, and BellSouth's response addresses both the CAD's second request for a stay and the CAD's first (and only) request for reconsideration.

As noted above, therefore, BellSouth does contest the need for reconsideration of this docket, and BellSouth stands ready to address the CAD's various and sundry attacks on the TRA's Order during the August 29, 2000 Director's Conference.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick W. Turner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "P".

Patrick W. Turner

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on August 22, 2000, a copy of the foregoing document was served on the parties of record, via the method indicated:

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